

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): An assembly for ventilating a stator ring, comprising:

branched pipes comprising:

feed pipes,

distributors, and

a plurality of manifolds configured to be provided adjacent to the stator ring and provided with drilled holes, wherein the distributors connect the feed pipes to the plurality of manifolds;

the plurality of manifolds further comprising pairs of half-shells, each of the half-shells including an end plate having an opening and a rim surrounding the end plate, and the half-shells in each of the pairs being joined to each other at the rims;  
and

the distributors including ~~[[ducts]]~~ at least one duct mounted between adjacent ~~[[ones]]~~ manifolds of the plurality of manifolds, said at least one duct having open ends fitted into ~~[[the]]~~ openings of ~~[[the]]~~ end plates of said adjacent manifolds and said at least one duct having abutment portions to the end plates collars that separate said adjacent manifolds.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The assembly according to claim 8, wherein a width of at least one rim of a pair of half-shells ~~has a width~~ of said pairs of half-shells is different than a width of a rim of another pair of half-shells of said pairs of half-shells.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The assembly according to claim 8, further comprising:

ribs configured to be provided on the stator ring; and  
V-notches that support the ducts.

Claim 11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The assembly according to claim 8, further comprising:

rods configured to be mounted on the stator ring, and the rods covering and crossing the plurality of manifolds.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The assembly according to claim 12, wherein the rods are configured to be mounted to the stator ring by elastic connections.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The assembly according to claim 13, wherein the elastic connections are configured to slide in an axial direction.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The assembly according to claim 8, wherein the feed pipes are respectively connected to the plurality of manifolds such that said feed pipes penetrate into the open ends of said plurality of manifolds and seals are disposed between said feed pipes and said open ends of said plurality of manifolds.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The assembly according to claim 8, wherein the drilled holes of the plurality of manifolds are configured to be located adjacent to said stator ring.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The assembly according to claim 8, wherein the drilled holes are configured to blow gas out towards the stator ring.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): An assembly comprising:  
at least ~~[[a]]~~ one distributor;  
a plurality of manifolds provided with drilled holes, wherein the at least ~~[[a]]~~ one distributor connects the plurality of manifolds;  
the plurality of manifolds further comprising pairs of half-shells, each of the half-shells including an end plate and a rim, the end plate having an opening connected to the at least ~~[[a]]~~ one distributor, and pairs of half-shells being joined to each other at corresponding rims to form the plurality of manifolds; and  
the at least ~~[[a]]~~ one distributor including ducts mounted between adjacent ~~[[ones]]~~ manifolds of the plurality of manifolds, at least a duct of said ducts having open ends fitted into ~~[[the]]~~ openings of ~~[[the]]~~ end plates of said adjacent manifolds and said at least one duct having collars that separate said adjacent manifolds ~~abutment portions to the end plates~~.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The assembly of claim 18, wherein at least a width of a rim of a pair of half-shells ~~has a width~~ of said pairs of half-shells is different than a width of a rim of another pair of half-shells of said pairs of half-shells.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The assembly of claim 18, further comprising:  
V-notches that support the ducts.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The assembly of claim 18, further comprising:  
rods configured to be mounted on a stator ring, and the rods covering and crossing the  
plurality of manifolds.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The assembly of claim 21, wherein the rods are  
configured to be mounted on the stator ring by elastic connections.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The assembly of claim 22, wherein the elastic  
connections are configured to slide in an axial direction.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The assembly of claim 18, wherein feed pipes are  
connected to the plurality of manifolds such that the feed pipes penetrate into the open ends  
of said plurality of manifolds and seals are disposed between the feed pipes and the open ends  
of the plurality of manifolds.

Claim 25 (Canceled).

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The assembly of claim 18, wherein the drilled holes  
are configured to blow gas out towards a stator ring that is encircled by the plurality of  
manifolds.